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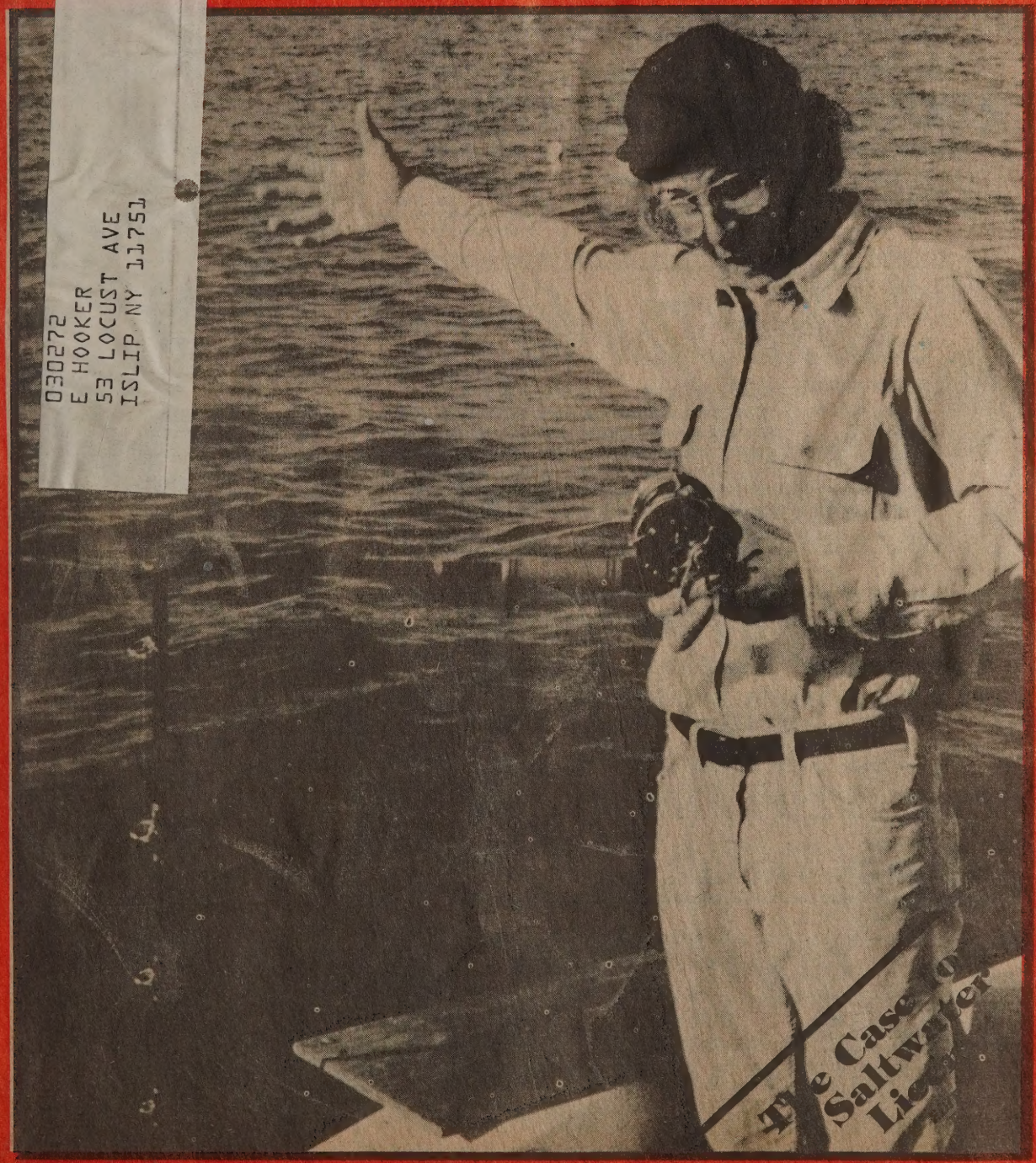

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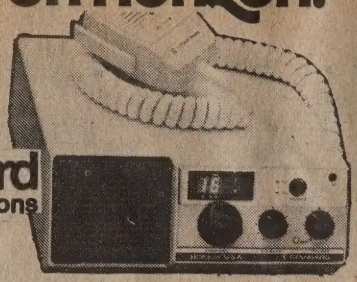

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Of particular interest to recreational fishermen is the planned "Anglers' Forum" to be held at the New England Aquarium on the night of March 26. Though this session will by no means be limited to the subject of striped bass, symposium speakers and participants will be present to answer questions.

The striped bass conference is the fifth in a series of annual symposiums dealing with important recreational fisheries issues. The symposiums are sponsored by the International Game Fish Association, the National Coalition for Marine Conservation, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Sport Fishing Institute.

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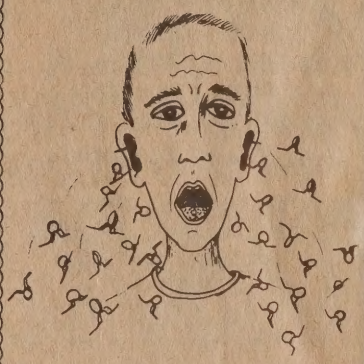

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THE SALTWATER LICENSE: *Fighting the Inevitable?*

Nobody wants a saltwater fishing license. It just goes against the basic beliefs of most fishermen. The belief that we shouldn't be required to have a license in order to catch a fish in saltwater. The belief that the sport of fishing is one of our last great freedoms that we shouldn't have to pay for. The belief that if government gets involved with our sport they will only make it a shambles, as they have everything else they've ever become involved in. The belief that any money raised from fishing license fees would only be wasted by a government bureaucracy. The belief that a saltwater license would become just another unnecessary tax. The belief that the money necessary to protect our marine environment should come from sources other than license fees, such as the general fund. The belief that government should look out for our marine resources on its own, without any pressure being put upon them to do so. The belief that our rights as citizens of the United States and residents of New York should be protected by government even though we remain politically unorganized and impotent. The belief that if we continue to fight a saltwater fishing license there will never be one—now, or in the foreseeable future.

But beliefs are one thing, reality another. We at **The Fisherman** also have these beliefs, and wish they could be so. But as we enter our fifteenth year of publishing we look around us, and are forced to see things as they really are. And although we don't like what we see, we must accept it. Although we wish things could be different, they aren't. So we must bite the bullet and tell our readers the reality of the situation. It may be a bitter pill to swallow, but we would be remiss in our responsibility to our readership by saying that we should continue to fight the very concept of a saltwater fishing license, and that nothing would be lost by doing so. But the time has come for us to face reality, and accept the implementation of a saltwater fishing license as being inevitable. We must accept the very real possibility that by continuing to fight the inevitable, we are losing the opportunity to ensure that a license will be beneficial to recreational fishermen. We must accept the fact that by continuing to fight the inevitable we are taking ourselves out of the formulating process that will decide what form a saltwater license will take. Who will impose the license—the state or Federal Government? How much will it cost? How will the money be spent? Will it be used to improve recreational fishing opportunities, or will it just become another tax? What effect will a license have on the recreational fishing industry? Will a license protect the rights of sportfishermen in the face of a rapidly expanding commercial fishing industry? Will sportfishermen have input into the rules and regulations placed on them, or will this be done by political hacks who have neither interest nor knowledge of recreational fishing?

We have been asking ourselves these and many other questions for several years now, and we don't like the answers. After studying the problem at great length, and in light of recent events such as the Nassau/Suffolk Regional Plan unveiled last week that called for the implementation of a saltwater fishing license, we have reached several conclusions. We have come to the conclusion that now, for the first time, sportfishermen must actively seek to have input into what form a fishing license will take. We have come to the conclusion that if sportfishermen do not start talking seriously about a license, there will be one anyway—but instead of being a benefit that will serve to improve the quality of our sport, the license will just become another tax. We have come to the conclusion that saltwater sportfishermen have much more to lose by

fighting against a license than actively seeking one. And finally, we have concluded that saltwater sportfishermen stand to gain much more by fighting for a good, well structured license than waiting to have a meaningless one shoved down our throats.

At most, the implementation of a saltwater fishing license will mean that individual fishermen will lose the $5 or $6 a year that the license will cost. But if the license is structured correctly, we stand to gain improved fishing facilities such as more boat launching ramps, public docking, artificial fishing reefs and increased access to fishing on beaches, piers and bridges. A properly structured saltwater fishing license would also give New York's 2.3 million saltwater sportfishermen the political influence that our numbers and economic power deserve. A properly structured license will mean that we will finally be recognized by the state government as the powerful economic and political force that we are. There is no question that if New York State's millions of recreational saltwater fishermen were to be licensed that they would become the largest, strongest lobby in the State. We could no longer be ignored by an indifferent bureaucracy, and the State would have to protect the rights of millions of fishermen paying for a license against unrestricted commercial fishing and the industries that would pollute our waters and destroy our marine environment for profit. We believe that all this and more can be accomplished, but **only** if the license is properly structured. So if there is going to be a license no matter what sportfishermen do at this point, as we believe it inevitable, why not shoot for the best license we can get?

But it is not for us at The Fisherman to decide that sportfishermen should actively seek to be licensed—that is up to our readership. Our job is simply to inform our readers as to how we see the situation, and to convey this information to you so that you may decide on your own what choice to make. With this goal in mind, starting in the first issue in March we will publish a series of articles under the title, "The Case For a Saltwater Fishing License." The series will attempt to present all the pros and cons that must be considered when contemplating the implementation of a license, and we will invite our readers with varying points of view to have input through their published comments. We will publish what we consider to be a properly structured license, and explain how it would work in depth. We will play the devil's advocate in the matter, and try to "sell" you the idea of actively seeking to be licensed rather than waiting for one to be forced upon you. At the conclusion of the series and after opposing views have been presented, we will rest our case and put it to a vote by inserting a postcard in The Fisherman for you to fill out and return by mail. The vote will be simple: Yes, we should actively seek a properly structured saltwater fishing license; or No, we should continue to fight against the implementation of any form of licensing. If we are successful in convincing you that our feelings are correct, we will seek to have the license discussed introduced as a bill to the State Legislature. If the vote is No, we will abide by the decision and continue to fight against any licensing proposals until our readers tell us otherwise.

One final word on the matter that we feel should be stated at this time. The Long Island Fisherman is, in the final analysis, a business. And from a business point of view there are those who may believe we are committing financial suicide by what we are advocating. The emotions of those opposed to licensing run very high, and we are fully aware that this will lead to more than a few unrenewed subscriptions and cancelled advertising contracts. We wish that this were not so, but accept it as a reality. But better to lose a little business now than to go out of business at some future date—for without a viable sport fishery, there would be no sportfishermen. And without sportfishermen to buy and support The Fisherman, we would soon be out of business. And it is our firm belief that this is what will happen if we choose to sit back and let someone force a "bad" saltwater license down our throats that does nothing to control a rapidly expanding commercial fishing industry. But whatever the outcome, we'll sleep better at night, knowing that we tried.

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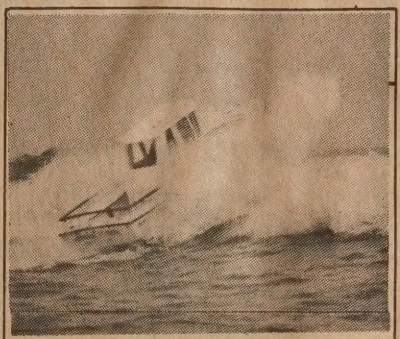

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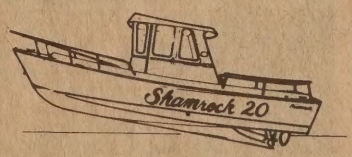

—Some '79's Left—

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Advance registration fee (prior to February 15, 1980) is $30 and includes a cloth cover book of the proceedings, luncheon with a featured speaker, refreshments at seassions, and a materials packet. More information and registration and hotel reservation forms are available from IGFA. The address is: International Game Fish Association, 3000 East Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 3316.

CHARITY SHARK TOURNEY IN MONTAUK

A charity shark tournament is now being prepared by the Montauk Captains Association. This event will be held on July 12 and 13 at the Star Island Yacht Club, Montauk. The entrance fee will be $150; one-half of this going directly to the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association. Both of these worthy charities have sanctioned this event and is tax deductible. The second half of the entrance fee will be used as cash prizes for the contestants. Along with the cash awards, many donations of marine equipment and tackle have been offered and will be awarded in several categories.

To ensure this will not become a shark kill, no shark under 100 lbs. may be entered and only one shark may be weighed in each day. We recommend releasing all other sharks. Jack Casey, marine biologist from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will be in attendance and will provide tagging kits for those requesting them. The M.C.A. will award a trophy to the boat with the most releases for the event.

The contest will be judged by three well known outdoor writers, spectators will be welcomed. For information and details, phone: Robert Bozek, (516) RO 4-0284.

LENT ANNOUNCES ARMY ENGINEERS SEEK PUBLIC VIEWS ON JONES INLET PROJECT

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, has begun mailing out the first Public Notice in its Navigational Study of the Jones Inlet-Freeport Channel, Congressman Norman F. Lent (R-N.Y.) announced today.

Lent said the Army Engineers' mailing will go this month to more than one thousand Federal, state and local officials, businesses, public and private organizations, and individuals who have indicated an interest in the proposed widening and deepening of the Jones Inlet.

"This solicitation of information and opinion on navigational problems and needs, or on related water and land resource needs in the Jones Inlet-Freeport Channel area is the first major step in the Army Engineers' four year Navigation Study," Congressman Lent reported. "The Engineers seek as broad a background of public opinion on the proposed project as it is possible to compile. I urge every Long Islander, especially commercial and pleasure boaters, to make their views known to the Corps of Engineers. With some forty thousand boats using Jones Inlet each year, it is imperative that maximum safety of boat operators be assured."

Lent said that anyone with an interest in the project who does not receive a mailing from the Engineers this month should contact the New York District, U.S. Aarmy Corps of Engineers, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10007, to request the

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Congressman Lent concluded: "Congress has authorized this four year study of Jones Inlet navigational problems at my urging, but to be successful it needs the input of every Long Islander concerned. I hope everyone interested will take advantage of this opportunity to express his or her opinion to the Corps of Engineers."

CLUB NEWS

BROOKHAVEN SPORTFISHERMEN

The No. Brookhaven Sport Fisherman Club held its annual awards night on January 25, at the Elk Hotel in Port Jefferson. Awards went to:

Striped Bass—36.8, D. Marchand
Weakfish—10.2, D. Marchand
Bluefish—19, D. Marchand
Cod—43 lbs., M. Devaux
Blackfish—9.3, M. Devaux
Fluke—16.14, B. Rosenburger
Flounder—3.3, C. McNamara
SURF:
Striped bass—29.4, S. Mars
Bluefish—14.1, T. Van de Kieft
Weakfish—9.11, B. Rudge

We are now accepting new members interested in boat and surf fishing and club activities. Please contact Steve Kellner at 928-9343.

HIGH HILL OFFICERS

The High Hill Striper Club held its annual election of officers on December 19, 1979. The results were as follows:

President—Tom Fitzsimmons; Vice President—Bill Muller; Secretary—Rich Hummell, and Treasurer—Ed Wood.

The Club expressed its gratitude for the excellent job performed by the outgoing administration, headed by Dave Karikas.

The final results of the 1979 intra-club competition were as follows:

Largest Bass: F. Schwab, 32.8
Largest Blue: B. Muller, 19.8
Largest Weakfish: J. Vetrano, 12.8
Most Club Points: F. Schwab, 1802
Most Release Pts.: F. Schwab, 1754
Most Club Pts. Bass: F. Schwab, 566
Most Club Pts. Blue: B. Muller, 686
Most Club Pts. Weaks: F. Schwab, 726
Fly Rod: D. Karikas, 9.0 weakfish

The High Hill Striper Club is a "hard fishing" surf club. The Club is conservation conscious and prohibits the sale of striped bass, bluefish and weakfish by its membership. The Club is seeking a few new members. For information contact: Days—Tom Fitzsimmons (516) 627-1477, Nights—Larry Dos Santos, (10-11PM), 516-536-8523.

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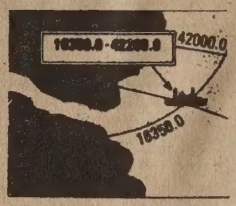

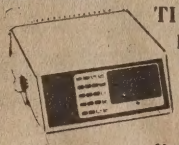

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NATIONAL SCENE

with Al Ristori

1979 IN RETROSPECT

In looking back on 1979, we find that it was much the same as '78. The bluefishing was once again outstanding, even if not always consistent throughout the season. Striped bass fishing continued to decline, but big fish were still common—and there seemed to be a resurgence of small schoolies in the Hudson and New York Harbor. Spring weakfishing was spotty, but there were some very good spurts of action during the summer. The spring mackerel run was short, but the Long Island Sound fishing was good and an unusual run occurred at Montauk in July.

Bottom fishing had more downs than ups. A couple of exceptions were the big run of fluke off the Jersey coast and western Long Island, and the fine porgy fishing in Gardiner's Bay and off Montauk. However, fluke fishing to the east was generally poor and porgy fishing to the west was even worse. Sea bass fishing was hardly sensational anywhere and even the whiting let us down last spring. The expected run of cod and pollack off Block Island never materialized in the spring (except for a few good days) and the fall bottom fishing was no better. Yet, the summer codfishing on Coxes Ledge was the best in years and the current winter run off the South Shore has provided hopes of a return to the "good old days."

Offshore fishermen had little to kick about in '79. Though the early season blue shark fishing was nothing to write home about, there were some good spurts of mako action—and more big ones than ever before. Huge tiger sharks commanded a lot of attention during the summer; but it was a shame that no one was able to hook one of those big white sharks that were feeding on a dead whale off Moriches. Daytime trolling in the canyons was never better, probably because just about everyone switched over to trolling with high speed jet lures. Yellowfin tuna in the sixty pound class were very abundant, and catches of twenty to thirty a boat on daily trips weren't unusual. Several big blue marlin were taken and there were spurts of white marlin action. True alabacore and bigeye tuna were also common, but relatively few dolphin and wahoo showed this year and the night swordfishing was disappointing.

The school bluefins took a real beating from the seiners this spring, and that reflected in another poor season in the mid-Atlantic. There was one decent spurt of action on the small fish off Montauk in August, but other than that most of the action involved the 200-300 lbers. from the only strong year class of the decade. These fish provided some real action off Block Island during the summer, and then surprised everyone by showing up in the Mud Hole off New York Harbor in late October. Mixed in with tuna down to eighty pounds and up to almost 1,000, they created quite a commotion just at the time that many skippers were getting ready to haul out. Giant tuna fishing in general was tougher than ever, as even the fleet north of Cape Cod was unable to fill the liberalized quota—despite the fact that the season went right through the fall and prices were never higher.

I've kept accurate records of every fishing trip I've made since I first wet a line in 1947. It's interesting to look back on the pile of statistics from other years and to relate them to our present situation. Of course, personal records can be rather deceiving as to the real situation if they're taken out of context. For instance, I never caught more mackerel than I did last year, but that was simply a reflection of an unusual run of large (1¾ lb. average) mackerel at Montauk in July when there was virtually nothing else around inshore. Overall, it wasn't that good a year for mackerel in our area, though there was a tremendous increase in abundance in Canada—so much so that over 1,000,000 lbs. was dumped by trawlers in Nova Scotia one day last August due to lack of a decent price for them!

What my records do seem to reflect quite accurately are the ups and downs of striped bass and bluefish, species I've fished for pretty consistently since the mid-Sixties. The story of fewer, but bigger bass is reflected in some of the statistics I've compiled. For instance, my total catch of bass barely went over 100 last year—and was that high only because of some very small stripers caught around the City in November and December. Excluding those fish, the numbers were the worst since I started fishing for stripers seriously in 1963.

It wasn't until 1976 that my catch rate first fell below one bass per hour. Last year, it was down to a record low of .52 per hour. However, the other side of the coin reflects the great increase in size. In 1974, when we still had a lot of schoolies, I computed the average size of my catch at 11.5 lbs. By 1976, it was up to 16.76 lbs., and last year reached 23.76 lbs. Indeed, if the relatively few daytime fish are eliminated from the total, the average size of bass caught at night works out to 27.34 lbs. It's not that there were a lot of exceptionally big fish around to push up the average (I had only four in the forties and two fifties), but the greatest quantity of fish available at Montauk were in the twenties and low thirties. Most of these probably being fish from the last dominant year class in 1970.

The outlook for striped bass is still not bright. There can only be fewer of the 1970 fish every year, and the year classes since then have been too small to provide much help in filling in. Occasional bursts of good action in various localities may fool some anglers into feeling that the situation is better than it is, but a review of results along the entire migratory route will put that assumption to rest. While the late fall run off the north Jersey coast has improved somewhat during the past two years, there has been a dropoff in action to the east. Summer fishing seems to have become almost a dead issue just about everywhere, with all of the good bass fishing crammed into the spring and fall migratory runs. Even during the migratory periods, it was primarily a matter of a few blitzes—followed by a quick return to poor fishing. The night fishing in October and November was more consistent, if hardly sensational. Frankly, I was quite happy to scratch out an average of three to four big fish on a tide, but I wonder how long even fishing of that level can last?

The one hopeful sign last year was the surge in the number of small stripers (mostly shorts) in the Hudson and around New York City. If these bass aren't completely decimated by illegal netting, there may well be an improvement in striper fishing in western Long Island Sound—as well as north Jersey and the South Shore of the Island west to Fire Island. Though there were some reports of slightly improved school striper abundance in Chesapeake Bay, the outlook for the migratory stocks is still a grim one. Nothing has been done to rectify the present situation and it appears likely that we'll face another year in 1980 which will be marked by fewer and even larger bass—but a lot more time between bites! Moreoever, unless we get a break from nature, we may soon be looking back on these years as being the "good old days!"

Next week we'll discuss the outlook for the bluefish and other species.

FISHING REPORTS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

A SEKORA UMBRELLA RIG CAUGHT ONE OF THE BIGGEST 1979 STRIPED BASS- 58½ LBS.-FOR NICK TERESAKIS OF L.I. WHOSE CATCH ON 11-14-79 INCLUDED 40 BASS OF WHICH 12 WERE OVER 20 LBS. AND TWO OF 30 AND 50 LBS. WHEN NOT MAKING LURES, CAPT. JOHN SEKORA SKIPPERS HIS "EASY RIDER" OUT OF MONTAUK POINT.

SHORT-NOSED STURGEON IN NEW JERSEY'S DELAWARE RIVER-AN ENDANGERED SPECIES-ARE NOT THREATENED BY REACTIVATING THE SALEM NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, ADVISES THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND OTHER BIOLOGISTS WHO WERE QUESTIONED BY ENVIRONMENTALISTS.

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MORE FISH, SUCH AS GROUPERS, RED SNAPPERS AND KING MACKEREL ARE CAUGHT THAN EVER BEFORE IN THE GULF OF MEXICO SINCE IT BECAME THE MOST DRILLED BODY OF WATER IN THE WORLD, REPORTS THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE. THE PLATFORMS ACT AS ARTIFICIAL REEFS ATTRACTING ORGANISMS WHICH ARE FOOD FOR BAITFISH WHICH IN TURN ATTRACT THE LARGER SPORT AND FOOD FISH.

BEST FISHING DAYS FOR FEBRUARY WHEN THE MOON IS BETWEEN *NEW AND FULL* ARE FEB. 16 - 29

Most Old-Timer columns have dealt with party boat fishing as it was in the long ago; occasionally there's been one on rowboat fishing, but hardly any mention of how shore fishing was in the happy days of my youth. I'll tell you truthfully, I never noticed this lapse (which you must admit, makes me pretty slow on the draw) until just the other day when I received a letter from Bob Townsend of Staten Island.

Bob wrote a witty letter in which he told me of his trials and tribulations suffered while learning the shore

THE WAY IT WAS...

fishing game. At its conclusion, he said, "Matt, you must have done a lot of shore fishing as a kid and doing so, must also have suffered your share of hard times. I've also heard some fantastic stories on how good shore fishing really was—and they seem hard to believe. Why don't you tell us guys the way it was?"

Okay, Bob, I enjoyed your letter and thanks for waking me up. I'll try to do as you suggest and write about shore fishing as I knew it 'way back when—including the trials and tribulations I fell heir to. And while I'm about it, let me say this: I'm sure there are other old-timers out there who could add with little difficulty to what I'm about to relate. If so, I'd be glad to hear from them or anyone who wants to take time out to write me.

There's no doubt just about every local fisherman has heard of Coney Island's Steeplechase Pier. How good the fishing is there today, I don't know for I haven't fished it in years and years. But when I was a kid, I often fished there. From my home in Brooklyn, it only cost a nickel on the BMT subway and elevated lines to get there, and most times the fishing was pretty good. I don't recall ever being skunked, although sometimes I'd have to settle for the pleasure of sea robin, hacklehead, or dogfish catching. But for a fish-happy kid, it was fun enough.

I'm sure the pier went out farther in those days than it does now, or at least the fishing area did. A fire during the time I used the pier destroyed much of the good fishing area. There was always talk of rebuilding, but if it was done, I don't know, for soon after that, I found other fishing areas more to my liking. At the time I fished Steeplechase Pier, a guy could catch fluke in summer, and ling and whiting (mostly whiting) on winter nights. I heard many rumors of cod being caught on cold January nights, but I never succeeded in doing so, nor did I ever see one caught, or personally know a fisherman who did.

I found only one trouble with Steeplechase Pier. It was always crowded, especially during whiting runs. If you wanted the best fishing (which was always near a light), it was often necessary to arrive in late afternoon.

This meant a lot of suffering until the dark hours brought the fish close in to shore. Sometimes this didn't happen until nine, ten o'clock (often later). If the baitfish found a better feeding place, as sometimes happened, it meant no ling or whiting that night. But most nights we did okay and when the fish began to feed, it was easy to fill a potato sack to brimming. Double and triple-headers were common. Some whiting were over two pounds; but most averaged a pound, or slightly less.

Often I would forsake the pier and fish from one of the nearby rock groins. Here we fishermen had an easier time of it, as far as waiting out the fish was concerned. A fellow could arrive at any time in the dark and still select a good spot. Few fishermen, however, fished these particular areas because it was dangerous should you fail to keep your wits about you.

The rocks were slippery and if the night cold enough, there was the extra hazard of skim ice coating everything. Even a flashlight wasn't of much use. And then, too, you had to watch the weather, especially a wind from the south when coupled with an incoming tide. The fishing was always better on this tide and the danger of becoming trapped on the outer reaches of the rocks was great. That tide comes up mighty fast when a guy is busy catching fish. However, there was no dearth of truly dedicated fishermen willing enough to take their chances.

But all good things eventually come to an end. One night I was on one of those groins with three other kids. I should have stood in bed as the saying has it. I was a pretty good buddy with one of the kids and all he and I were interested in was putting whiting in our buckets, but the other two characters had more interest in horseplay. Just when the fishing was getting hot, one of those two smart alecks slipped, fell between the rocks, and broke his leg.

That was the end of the good fishing that night. It was also the end of my nocturnal adventures to Coney Island, for when my parents heard about it (not from me, you may be sure), I was forbidden to fish there again.

But the fishing used to be pretty good in Coney Island.

Manhattan Beach. Ever fish there from that rock sea wall? I used to and there was no trouble catching fluke, sea bass, and porgies—even stripers and weaks for the fellows who knew how to go about it. Today, I'm told, there is a high fence running along the length of the sea wall and fishing is not allowed; but in those days, there was no fence and the area was open to all fishermen. Surprisingly, few fished it. I don't think there was ever more than a half-dozen fishermen along its whole length on any given day.

And even more surprisingly, there were lobsters living in the wash of the rocks. I watched them many times moving in and around the cluttered areas in search of whatever lobsters need to exist. No one ever bothered with them. This was also one of the places I used to trap green crabs for blackfish bait.

I was in my early teens when I fished Manhattan Beach and Coney Island, but as I became older, I began to seek greener pastures. And one of these was Island Park. Here, the fishing was always good—especially anywhere from the banks of Schaeffer's Creek. It was just about impossible not to get some kind of action here.

When I first fished there, my buddy Nick Hauck and I used to take the Long Island Rail Road to the Island Park station and walk to the creek. But when I reached eighteen, I got my driver's license and bought a used 1930 Chevy. There was no stopping us now! Rain or shine, we fished Schaeffer's Creek every Sunday and as many other days as we could get in.

Close to one of the better spots we had on the creek was a private pier which jutted out about twenty feet into the deepest water. This pier was never used by its owner that I could see, except for boating and swimming during the summer months. It was set in an ideal location as some of the largest fluke and flounder we caught seemed to come from a hole directly out front from the structure and which we found often difficult to reach when casting from shore. It was also quite likely that the hole contained a shrimp bed, as every fish we caught from the immediate area was packed solid with them. Our captured fluke would often spew them out on the bank.

Nick was all for using this pier without first seeking permission, but this didn't set too well with me, for I thought that for all we knew the fellow who owned that pier might very well own the land we were fishing from Let sleeping dogs lie, I figured. But one day, the owner

showed up to do a little plank repairing and I broached the subject. Sure, the owner said, we could use it whenever we wished; it was okay with him. Just be sure to clean up after us. This was the only stipulation. Oh Happy Day!

If you'd like to know how we felt that day, imagine that right now you have an easily accessible private fishing pier that produces each time you fish from it—without fail. And now because of that easily reached shrimp bed, you had a captive audience. It was the closest thing to fishing in a barrel I'd ever heard of. Over the years, we caught hundreds of fluke and thousands of flounder from that pier.

But as I mentioned before about the whiting fishing at Coney Island, all good things must come to an end. One early November morning I arrived at the pier all primed to do a job on the flounder population when I was shocked by the sight that befell my eyes.

Nailed to one of the pier posts was a newly-erected sign which stated in crimson letters: NO FISHING... PRIVATE PROPERTY...KEEP OFF! I felt as if I had entered into another world. It was my first experience with what today is quite common. I had that sinking sensation experienced by all our brethren who have encountered this since.

My first impulse was to disregard the sign—after all, I thought, hadn't I been given special privileges? But I knew that even with that assurance, if I entered onto the pier, I would now be trespassing. I also knew I wouldn't feel at ease, nor would I enjoy the fishing with that on my mind.

I immediately went to see the owner. I knew where he lived now and we had been on pretty good terms. Maybe, I told myself, just maybe he would make an allowance for me. But it was no use. After I had been told what happened, I really didn't blame him in the least.

It seemed that sometime during the week, one or more fishermen had used the pier and instead of cleaning up before leaving, they—or he—had left behind a litter of crushed spider crabs, dead trash fish, broken glass (?), plus gobs of seaweed. This in itself wasn't too bad, he said, as he could overlook it if that had been all that was done. But newly-installed planking had been ripped up and used to fuel a fire on the beach. That, said the owner, was a bit too much. I couldn't fault him on that. All of which goes to prove that the slobs we have with us always.

I did a lot of pleading as you can well imagine, and when I look back at it now, I must have come close to groveling, but that fellow had had it with fishermen in general. To this day I hold no ill-feeling toward this man, for I understood how he felt. But I've never forgotten those slobs, whoever they were. For their selfishness, I have nothing but contempt.

There were other shore spots which produced fish for me—some good and some not so good. The south side of Reynold's Channel (Long Beach) between the trestle and the bridge, near the old dog pound, was pretty good. If you were good at casting, you could expect some action wth fluke and flounder. Close to the trestle area on the Long Beach side was also good.

For blackfish in early fall and late spring I used to fish near the oil docks in Oceanside. I never caught big fish there, but one pounders were plentiful. I have the feeling that perhaps it is still good there, but I don't know and I've never met anyone since who has fished the area. Perhaps it, too, is off-limits.

But all in all, even with the trials and tribulations we fellows endured, shore fishing was pretty good in those early days, and well worth our efforts.

If you wish to comment on old-time shore fishing—or for any reason whatsoever—drop me a line at 39 King Street, Hampton Bays, New York 11946. I'd enjoy hearing from you and we'll kick it around.

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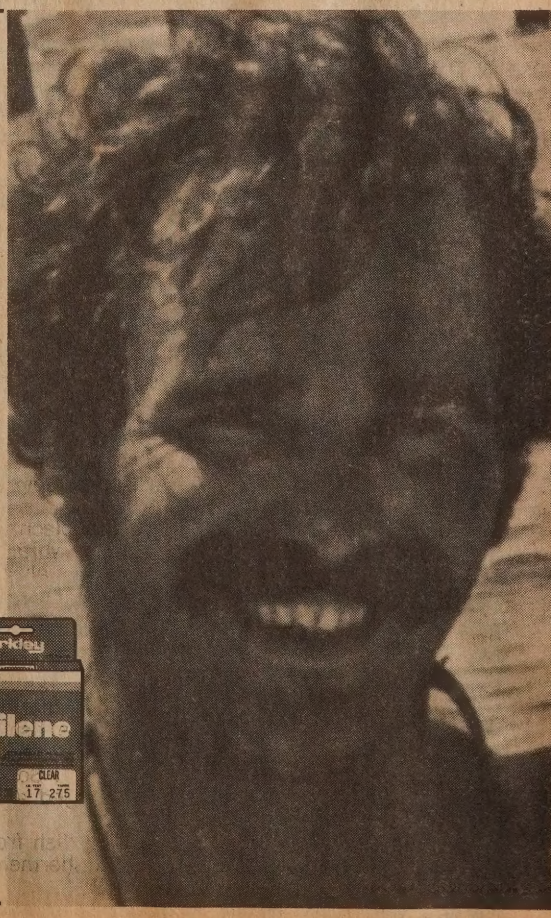

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YOU THINK IT'S EASY TO BE A SURF CASTER

ROBERT NAYLOR OF WESTBURY SAYS it's the pits!!! "First of all, I must tell you just how much I have enjoyed your interesting and informative surfcasting articles over the years in The Long Island Fisherman. (After another poor season) I thought that I would sit down and write you a letter and vent my spleen a little with a few of my thoughts. In recent months there have been several letters, articles, and comments in LIF concerning the Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission's attention, or lack of attention, to fishermen in State Parks. (I think that) the job done by the State is the absolute **pits!**...Although I have enjoyed a modest degree of success, I find the areas in which one can legally fish are becoming smaller each year. Our one and only hope seems to be the State Parks. These parks, which are paid for with our tax dollars, should be our havens, safe from outside interference—commercial or otherwise. Instead, I have found much to my great disappointment that in the last few years the State of New York has become increasingly lax and negligent, particularly when it comes to enforcing their own park laws."

SHAKESPEARE'S HAMLET OFFERED A SUGGESTION a long time ago. You know, whenever I hear of a new problem or situation I get so hot about it I come to the conclusion that an immediate correction or reversal is absolutely possible and needed. Then I go to a meeting or I research the topic and I discover that there were many things that I thought were true but aren't. Then I discover that I only understood and witnessed a small portion of the overall situation. Sometimes I'm lucky and I keep my big mouth shut until I learn about what's going on; but at other times, my lips start flapping and then at a later date I have to apologize to somebody; if only to myself. When I remember Hamlet (Shakespeare play) and I recall the line that goes something like—...there is more to (life) than is dreamed of in your philosophy—I usually learn first and speak second. So, there are many surfcasters, including myself, who would tend to support your thoughts completely. However, I have a suggestion. Taking advantage of what I have learned via my own mistakes in the past (the foot knows its way to mouth quite well), let's take a deep breath and make two lists: the pros and the cons. Ready? It is certainly true that access for surf fishermen has decreased in the last few decades what with new housing developments and greater restrictions resulting from a more varied and complex culture. It is also true that Parks and Recreation sometimes do not adequately enforce their own rules and regulations. Democrat Point seems to be a case in point where non-fishermen and their buggies roam the dunes—sometimes at will. It is also true that the Parks and Recreation Commission is supported by our tax dollars. Okay, what about the other side of the coin? As a result of the direct actions and intervention of The Long Island Fisherman in matters of the concern of the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission, the Commissioner and his aids are now much more aware of the importance of State Parks as access areas for surf fishermen. In our discussions with officials it was clear that they did not fully understand our sport and with the information we supplied, the Commission has made a commitment to provide as much fishable access to park beaches as possible. Second, although there are enforcement problems, last year, the L.I.S.P.R.C. instituted a new procedure which improved dramatically one aspect of enforcement at the parks. The access barricades eliminated a lot of indiscriminate and illegal use of the parks. At a recent meeting of surf fishing clubs with Commission officials, the new policy was given universal high praise for its effectiveness. In addition, this year the Park police are merging with the State Police which will allow—among other things—for closer patrols on beaches and for greater enforcement of regulations. Finally, we have learned through patient conversation that the budget of the Commission is limited and that there are many groups and organizations that make demands upon Commission officials for use of the parks. Thus, officials must take what money is available and shuffle it equitably so that all taxpayers get their share. We agree that surf fishermen present a minor security problem as compared to swimming activities and we agree that more access is needed and can be provided with minimum cost and without interfering with the rights to use the park by other groups since most surf fishing is done at night and since most other groups' activities take place in the day. We have been told that more access will be made available whenever possible. In addition, Commission officials continue to be willing to sit and talk to us, listen to our requests, understand our needs, and—at least to this point—have been receptive and responsive. There is evidence for that. A few examples include better security at the parks, road repair at Montauk and Caumsett, creation of the auxiliary beach patrol, and the fish trap situation. However, I assure you that The Long Island Fisherman has no intention of sitting back and letting access slip away. We think that we do need more access and we plan to continue to fight for it!

A LONG LETTER! Bob's letter was very long and could easily have filled several of these columns. It is a thoughtful and provocative letter and focuses on a number of problems at the State Parks. Instead of quoting, which is my usual practice in this column, let me summarize his comments due to the length of the letter. Bob pointed out that netting of baitfish in waters adjacent to the parks, illegal scuba diving activities, and illegal (and when not illegal, improper) gillnetting disrupts recreation activities, chase fish away, and may affect the normal migration pattern of large predators such as bass, blues, and weaks. He points out that a letter to Mr. Sheridan brought assurances that the Commission is working hard on all illegal practices in the parks. Obviously, totally effective enforcement is a big problem and thus, many unfortunate illegal activities continue. However, the frequency of these abuses seems to be decreasing because of better enforcement and new State regulations. That doesn't mean we should accept the status quo. We, at The Fisherman, agree that we should not rest until the parks are made safe, comfortable, and accessible for all law-abiding taxpaying citizens and thus, we will continue to press for improvements.

WE NEED ORGANIZATION! "I think the whole answer to the increasingly serious problem to sport fishermen as I see it is really a simple one: **organization!** The only way that we, as sport fishermen, are ever going to get any action from any of these politicians is to unite and make politicians realize that we are a force to be reckoned with. A perfect example is the East Hampton Baymen's Association. This group has only 130 members total, but I defy you to find me another group on all of Long Island that has as much political clout and as many politicians in their back pockets as they do. I am really disgusted as to the seemingly unconcerned attitude that most sport fishermen have. Oh sure, they complain plenty when they are on the beach and swear that something has got to be done about it. I sincerely believe that the sport fishermen of Long Island are running out of time. As a result of what has happened at Montauk concerning the fish trap at North Bar, I can easily envision within the next ten years, the virtual elimination of sport fishing as we now know it. The sheer number of fishing organizations and

clubs in the Long Island area is incredible. Why is it that nobody has set forth to bring some of the wheels in motion which would bring these people together to possibly form such an organization, or at the very least bring these people together to discuss it? I realize that I am only one fisherman and speak only for myself, but I'll tell you one thing: I am mad as hell and fed up with this situation and the clowns ruining our fishing. I would like to do something about it and I would appreciate it if you let me know if there is any organization which I could join to fight this injustice. I am ready and willing and able to roll up my sleeves and open my wallet to fight for my rights. I want to thank you for finding the time to read this encyclopedia—I really had no idea that I would go on so long. It just seems that I have been doing a slow burn on this matter for several years now and I guess that it all came out all at once. Once again, thank you and please keep up the good work."

RIGHT ON TARGET! You are absolutely right when you say that fishermen need to be organized and that commercial fishermen have demonstrated that good organization is power. Still, we have been learning during these last few decades. Many sport fishermen have been and still are apathetic and it has been the lack of intense commitment and involvement that has doomed many efforts to failure. We must assume that although you have been fishing for about ten years, as you say in your letter, that you have not been an LIF reader for too long since we have publicized many efforts to organize sport fishermen and mobilize their power. It is unfair to say that "nobody has set forth to bring some of the wheels in motion which would bring these people together to possibly form such an organization, or at least bring these people together to discuss it." I don't like to start mentioning names because whenever you do that you are sure to leave out many of those who deserve recognition; but I feel compelled to mention some of the people who have been fighting hard against the tide all of these years. Let's mention the folks at Save Our Stripers who fought and still fight for the ideals they believe in. They have taken no money for themselves and have worked many long, hard hours. The organization has not been as effective as its members would have liked partly because of apathy on the part of fishermen. Today there are guys like John Fritz, Fred Schwab, George Gerhold, Al Ristori and (forgive me) **many, many** more. **All** have made contributions, but all have been frustrated that the level of accomplishments have not been greater and for the most part, their **limited** successes have been a direct result of the lack of financial and personal support. Like you say, people complain but when it comes to doing, many fishermen say, let the other guy do it! That attitude doesn't work. We see it in fishing clubs too, where it may be close to impossible to get volunteers for various club jobs. When you think that one of the goals of many of these clubs is to promote the rights of sport fishing and its fishermen, then it becomes doubly hard to understand this attitude.

TAKE AS AN EXAMPLE! In the mid-1970s, The Long Island Fisherman formed the New York Sportfishing Council. We spent money and time to do so. Once the organization was formed and it looked like things were moving along, The Long Island Fisherman withdrew from the organization, while continuing to support it in a number of ways. However, once the topic of a saltwater license died away, the apathy set in and the organization has recently experienced some problems. Here was clearly an example of an effort to organize all sport fishermen in this state. What is missing is the active long-term participation of thousands of fishermen. It takes time to make changes and we should not become discouraged by that need for time. Rather, we should

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PLUGS AND HOW TO USE THEM

PART 1

Every real mystique is associated with taking fish on plugs in the surf. Casters who persist in pursuing stripers, blues, and weaks with wood or plastic baitfish imitations, are of the same mold as the dry fly purists of the trout clan. If they are realistic, they know that in the long run, they will not account for as many fish as casters who vary their attack from plugs, to bait or tin when conditions warrant. All true plug fishermen will maintain, however, that the pleasure and satisfaction derived from fooling a fish with a plug is ample compensation for less fish in the box. No one will dispute that a properly presented plug will, under the right conditions, produce just as effectively and at times, even better than other lures or bait. Experienced surfmen know when the "right conditions" are. They know which plug to use in a given situation, how to fish each type of plug, and are keenly aware of factors such as water conditions, and the type of bait present in area.

These are some generally accepted rules that serve merely as guidelines for plug fishing. Any good fisherman knows that absolutes do not exist in the sport of fishing. Some of the biggest fish landed each season, succumb to the "wrong" lure or bait presented by those affectionately known as "hackers." Over the course of the season though, the surfman who has taken the time to acquire a basic understanding of his equipment and the environment with which he must deal, should be way ahead of the game.

Plugs can be categories into two groups: surface and sub-surface. Many would agree that one of the great thrills in surfcasting, is to have a game fish come up and crash a plug amid the scud of crashing breakers. Perhaps this accounts for the reason many casters prefer to use surface plugs even when the odds are against fish being caught on them.

Plugs in the surface category can be further divided into the swimming and commotion types. "Swimmers" describe metal lipped favorites such as the Danny, Goo Goo Eye, and Atom Jr., as well as the latter's big brother—the Atom 40. They are most effective in a calm surf. Also, it has been my experience that these plugs generally produce best in the early morning or evening hours. Once darkness arrives, sub-surface plugs have the edge in most situations.

A favorite method of fishing these lures is to "pop" the plug along the surface several feet, pause, and then continue with a slow, steady retrieve. Other times, just a steady retrieve, after allowing the plug to sit for several seconds, will turn the trick. The technique I have found most productive entails a steady retrieve with three or four pauses scattered along its length. Stop long enough to allow the wake to clear before continuing.

Regardless of how you pattern or vary your retrieve, the swimming action is still the most important factor. Slow is the word here. Reel just enough to make that tail kick, leaving a seductive S-shaped wake behind.

Plugs that attract attention by imitating fleeing baitfish skittering along the surface are popular among the surfcasting clan. A variety of these commotion causing lures are available. The most popular among them is the popping plug. Retrieved with a rhythmic pumping, the lure should be given time to allow its concave head to sink back into the water between pumps. A blurping type sound should result when fished properly. While bluefish will often gobble such artificials when they are splashing along the surface at high speeds, bass prefer the slow, rhythmic retrieve.

Pencil poppers are best worked by imparting a lot of action with your rod tip. At times, you can stop reeling entirely while making the plug snap and bounce with a hand held well above the foregrip doing all the work. The "rabbit plug," a slab-sided hunk of wood that casts like a missile and dances crazily over the surface, spends as much time out of the water as in it. This plug drives blues nuts, but bass will rarely strike the lure. When fishing it, crank fast and mix in some action with the tip of your rod.

The Polaris type plugs are basically poppers and are fished in the same manner. Their design gives them an edge in casting range over standard type popping plugs.

With all of these commotion type plugs, you will often encounter fish swirling at, but missing the lure. Stopping your retrieve dead, as the fish shows, will usually result in a hook-up. Also, these plugs are right at home in that messy white water. Very often, the strike will come as the plug is engulfed by a cresting comber or in the suds on the backside of a wave. Despite their effectiveness in rough water, I have enjoyed many fine days with such lures on the calmest of days. Always carry a couple along on daytime sojourns. It is possible to fish poppers after dark by making them "swim." This technique will be dealt with in Part Two of this article.

Sub-surface plugs consist of those with metal lips and those with a built-in action. Both types will take fish in daylight, but really come into their own when "Mr. Sol" is replaced by the twinkle of starlight. Some will dive deep, while others do their work just beneath the surface.

Some of the most often used metal lipped plugs with built-in diving planes are the Danny, Creek Chub, Stan Gibbs, and Musso Swimmers. Because very little of Long Island's shore line is suited to these deep diving plugs, we will not linger long here. These big fish lures are a favorite of after dark boatmen who troll them on wire line through turbulent rips. Surfmen can put them to use off inlet jetties or beaches such as Cedar, inside Fire Island Inlet, where a deep channel runs almost to your feet. When fishing these big plugs, a steady retrieve is best. Reel as slow as you can without detracting from the lure's swimming action. Your rod tip should pulsate when it is working properly.

Darters and bottle plugs, both of which swim just below the surface, are the workhorses of the nighttime crowd. Next week, we will discuss these plugs and the plastic-bodied, minnow imitations. We'll also pass along some tips that might make plugging a little more productive for you when conventional methods fail to produce.

Fish Talk: SURF CASTER

(Continued from page 13.)

accept that the wheels grind slowly and double our interest and our participation.

BUT WE CAN SUCCEED! In the mid-1960s, The Long Island Fisherman carried an editorial which was one of the first calling for the 200-Mile Limit. That effort succeeded because some fishermen never quit. In 1978, The Long Island Fisherman mobilized a massive turnout at the bluefish hearings (Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council) and as a result of the support given to us and the effort, a bluefish plan is in the works. Right now, we are working on both the State and the Federal level and upcoming editorials will discuss great progress. It can be done but it takes your support; not just for a day, but a dedicated long-term determination to secure changes. Sport fishermen are a rapidly growing force and we will be heard from! Thanks for your interest and continue to read LIF. You'll find many situations where your direct support will be instrumental in making things better for all of us and the fish that we love!

PREPARATION TIME

Here we are almost into February and winter has hardly made her presence felt. Spring-like through much of December and January allowed these months to slip by almost unnoticed. Sure, February can still deal us a bitter cold hand, but how tough can it be knowing that flounder season is only a short six weeks away? As the winter months pass us by, so, too, does the precious time needed to prepare for the coming season. A little time spent now on getting equipment ready can save you a lot of trouble and aggravation once the season begins. You can avoid that last minute scramble to replace a broken guide, spool a reel with line, or gather the tackle needed for a day's fishing, by doing these things in the weeks ahead.

Reels are often the most neglected and abused piece of equipment deserving of attention. I think that it would be appropriate to start our discussion here.

All reels, whether spinning or conventional, should be broken down and given a kerosene bath. Remove old grease, sand, and salt particles with a small toothbrush. Check gears for wear and pack them well with a good quality grease before re-assembling. A light spray of WD-40 will help retard moisture build-up inside your reel. It is also a good idea to replace drag washers at the start of each season—particularly since a part of such importance in so minimal in cost. On spinning reels, check to see that bail springs and line rollers are in good shape and performing efficiently. After reels are put back together, give them a shot of light oil wherever lubrication points are provided. Then wipe down the entire reel with an oil-damp cloth. When put back on the shelf, make sure they are stored with the drags backed off as loose as possible.

Many established tackle shops provide reel repair service as well as supplies of basic parts. It may be necessary to deal directly with the manufacturer to obtain certain parts.

Now is a good time to begin puchasing line for the months ahead. Buying bulk spools is economical and also guarantees that when you are due for a change of line, it will be there. Needless to say, stick only to quality lines. There is no such thing as a bargain in this department. Several brands that are known for their reliability include Stren, Ande, and Trilene.

Line left on reels from last season should be taken off and replaced. And for crying out loud, fill your reels up to capacity. Don't spool fifty or seventy-five yards on a reel with a two hundred yard capacity and decide that it is sufficient. Some anglers even blame their inability to cast on their reel. This, despite the fact that they fill the spool to within an inch of the lip, rather than the one-eighth of an inch required for maximum efficiency. We are, naturally, speaking about spinning reels.

Line, whether on or off a reel, should be stored out of direct sunlight and away from extreme heat or cold. One final word on line. Use the manufacturer's suggested line strength for your reel. Very often, anglers use far heavier line than is required for a specific type of fishing or for the size of the reel they are using. Fishing with too heavy a line is a handicap that will ultimately result in less fish.

Rods often take a beating during the course of a season. Check them carefully for loose, broken or worn guides which will fray and weaken line. Detecting grooved guides is made very easy by swiping a pair of your wife's nylons and running a small section of them through the guides. If the stocking catches and runs, you've found a guide that needs replacing and your wife needs a new pair of hose.

Check windings for wear and if they show signs of being worn or frayed, they should be replaced. Sometimes, just a couple of coats of varnish or epoxy will provide the necessary protection required to make it through another season. If you're new to rod wrapping, there is an excellent book available through The Fisherman's libary entitled "Fiberglass Rod Making." The book is written by Dale Clemens and sells for $10.

Reel seats and grips sometimes come loose and will spin around a rod blank. This can be remedied by drilling a hole through to the blank and then filling it with a good epoxy. Cork or foam shavings mixed with a little epoxy serve as a suitable filler.

Due to a burgeoning interest in do-it-yourself rod building, most local tackle shops are well equipped to provide you with any materials or advice needed to make the necessary repairs. If you prefer to let someone else do the dirty work, few tackle shops are without a resident rod builder.

Set some time aside for looking over your selection of lures. Those adorned with rusty or bent hooks should receive immediate attention. Buying hooks by the box rather than individually is the way to go. They are much cheaper this way and having a supply on hand guarantees that hooks will be replaced when necessary. Put a hone to those hooks still in good condition.

The poppers that you used on last year's bay blues could probably stand a new spritz of paint. Some of your small tins and spoons, dulled by an extended stay in the bottom of your tackle box can be brought back to life with a dash of chrome polish and a little elbow grease.

Now might be a good time to experiment with different methods of rigging jelly worms. These rubber taste treats have been a favorite for the past two years during the spring weakfish run. Speaking of weakfish, how is your supply of bucktails or rubber shrimp heads? You know you won't feel like sitting down in the basement tying bucktails or molding heads once fishing season rolls around. Invite a friend over and stoke the coals for the season ahead while making up a supply of these deadly weakfish lures.

Stocking up now with basics such as swivels, snaps and hooks is a good way to avoid being caught short at the last minute. Here again, purchasing these items in quantity will save you money and guarantee you a supply that will last you through the season.

Snelling your own hooks is a good way to pass an evening or two. Make up an assortment that will cover any flounder, fluke or blackfish outings you may have planned for this coming season.

Another popular pastime for many anglers during these fishless days and nights, is making your own sinkers and drails. Molds are available in many tackle shops and also through several area mail order houses. A word of caution. When melting down lead, make sure your work area is well ventilated.

If you're still confronted with time on your hands and are looking for projects to keep you occupied until the first fish arrive, nights can be spent making up mackerel tube rigs, flounder rigs, fluke teasers and hi-lo rigs for the days ahead.

Spending some time studying charts of new areas you are planning to fish, may prove helpful. You may also want to use the chart for helping to locate potential hotspots in the year ahead.

Now, if you're still looking for something to keep you busy, I have a feeling that you should probably be out fishing. Saint Paddy's Day, the generally accepted beginning of flounder season is a lot closer than you think.

OUTFITTING A FOURTEEN FOOT TIN BOAT

Part One — by Tim Coleman

In today's inflationary economy, people are wondering about a small budget boat to get out on the water once or twice a week. If that's your frame of mind at the present, you might consider a fourteen foot tin boat. It can handle a variety of angling chores.

It can handle fluke fishing in the Sound or bays; it can fish for striped bass in the ponds, rivers or open water on calmer days; it can go for flats in sheltered waters in the early spring and late fall; it can be trailered without extreme wear on the tow vehicle; it can fish two adults in comfort and can do all this (including freshwater) with minimal fuel consumption.

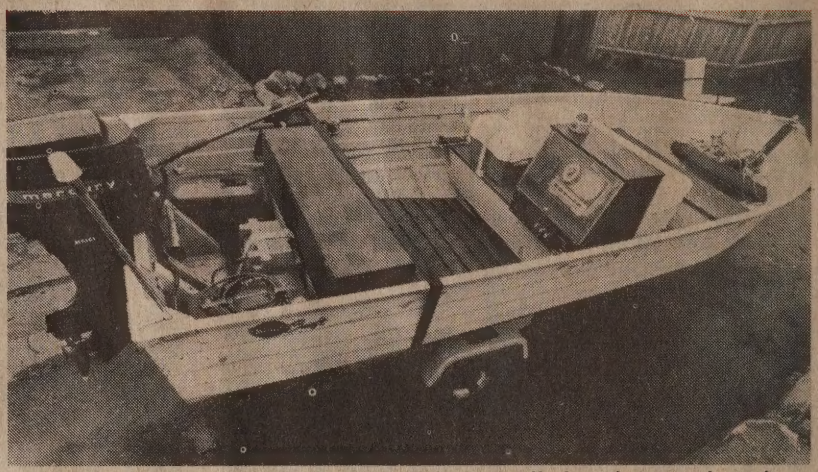
These boats are intended for inshore use. You won't be able to run out (safely) with them. But, with common sense and a close eye on the weather, they will provide a lot of our readers with an economical fishing platform.

I don't know any single person who has owned a fishing boat that didn't modify it somehow. These tin boats are no exception. So here's a couple suggestions for outfitting one. Please bear in mind all the work in the photos was done by a boatyard. As the world's worst do-it-yourselfer, this was the safest route for me to see my ideas put into use.

Let's start with the bow and work back. First step was to get something to keep anchor and one hundred feet of line out of the way. A hardwood (coated with Cuprinol) platform up front of the forward seat was the answer. It was sectioned in half: one side for the anchor; the other for the rope. Another hardwood piece, running down the inside of the bow's Vee, holds the cleat for the rope. Even in a good chop, the anchor will not bounce around. Yet it is at your fingertips when you go forward.

Next step was to build a raised platform between the front and middle seats to hold a 151 quart Igloo cooler. This cooler can be used as a bait tank, dry storage, or fish box. For ideas on using it as a bait tank, see the story in the 10/18/79 issue.

The platform was raised so the cooler would be high enough where a person didn't have to bend way over to reach inside. The cooler was positioned so the top opens from the direction of stern to bow. If the top opens the other way, you have to reach way down over the open top to get inside.



Lengthwise view of the author's 14' tin boat all rigged out and ready to fish.

A long bungee cord holds the cooler in place. The cord is hooked onto the seat braces on either side of the boat. Once the cord is in place, the cooler should not move at all.

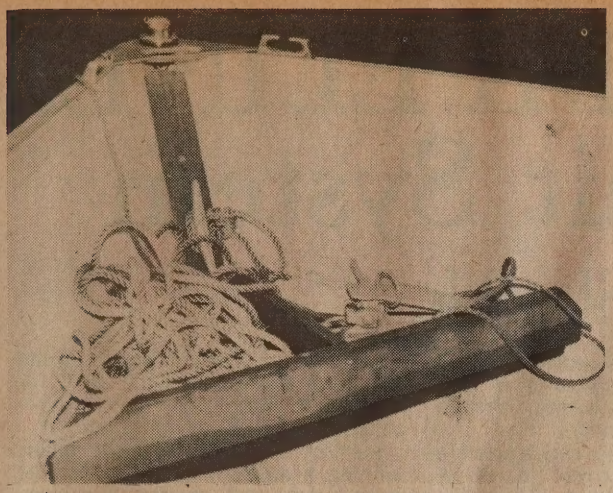
If you use the cooler as a bait tank, I'd recommend a spare battery to run the bait pump. Safety is the main reason. If it looks like it's going to blow up, you want to get home in a hurry. A battery drained by a bait pump might turn over even the small engines used on these boats. One might say I can pull-start, say a 20 h.p. electric, in time of need. You can, but how many times—at the wrong time—have you seen someone pulling his arms off without a "spark" of hope. In some cases, there might be a freshening breeze announcing an ominous black cloud bank bearing down on your little boat. There's a saying that goes, "O Lord the sea is so great, and my boat is so small." Being caught out in a bad blow in a small boat can be a very humbling experience. That's why I carry the extra battery.

The extra battery was placed atop the middle seat. I can hop over it easily when it's time to anchor. Also, it is out of the way of anyone running the boat and fishing from the normal position of between the middle and stern seats.

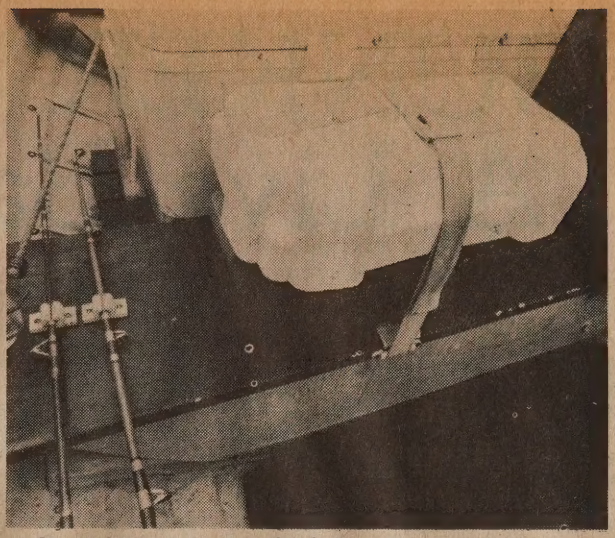
Another piece of gear placed on the middle seat was a small hardwood console with a flip-top plexiglass top. Underneath the plexiglass are switches for the ignition, running lights, chart recorder or one for the bait pump, if it's to be run off the main battery. The chart recorder is inside the console. The boatyard people rigged the brace at a right angle to the back of the console. It is the stock mounting unit; only instead of being positioned upright on the top of a console it was put in at a different angle. This was done so the machine could be canted so a person standing up between the middle and stern seats could see the chart paper clearly. Just like all chart machines, this one has a quick disconnect.

The inside of the console stays fairly dry so it can also be used for charts, book of ranges, eyeglasses, bottles of medication or another other small item that needs to stay dry, but handy.

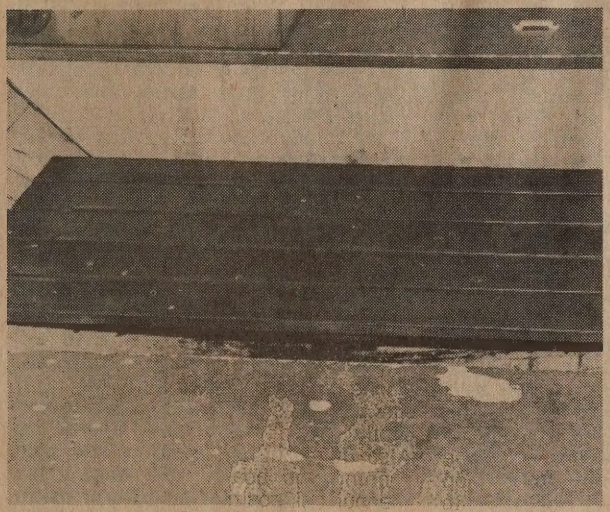
Part Two will appear next week.



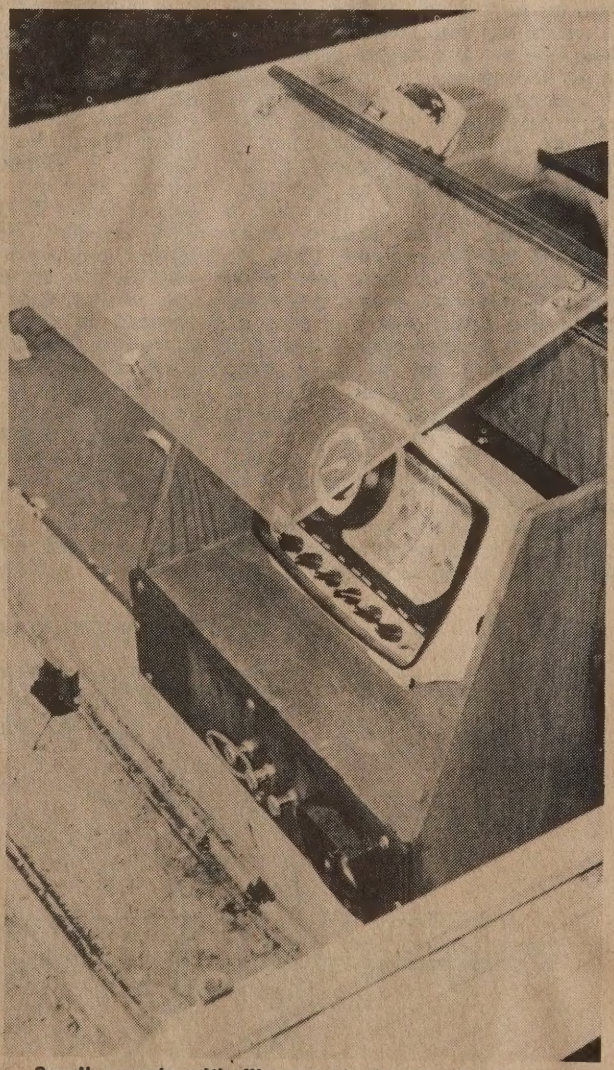
Hardwood platform sectioned in half holds anchor on one side and 100' of rope on the other. Piece of wood running down the inside of the bow's Vee was put there by boatyard to hold the cleat.



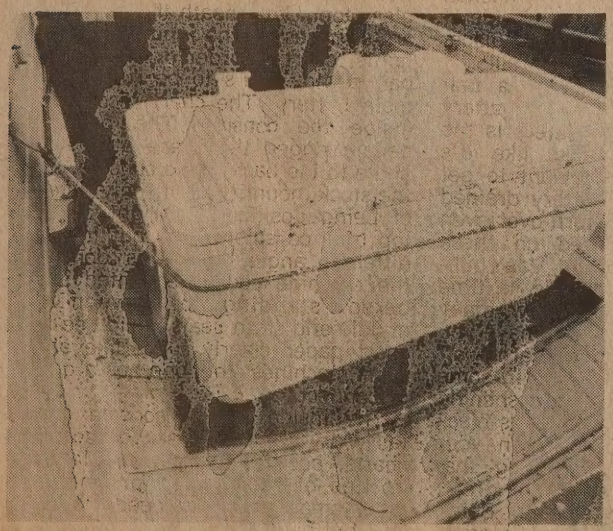
Spare battery to run the bait pump was put atop the middle seat.



Hardwood platform (coated with Cuprinol) between the bow and middle seats to hold large cooler.



Small console with flip top plexiglass window was also put on the middle seat. Chart recorder was mounted inside. Underneath the plexiglass are switches for ignition, running lights, chart recorder and bait pump if it's to be run off the main battery.



Cooler is held in place on the platform with long bungee cord hooked to seat braces on either side of the boat.

BUNKER PIPELINE: A Live Bait System

by J.C. Standish

By some strange law of nature, in Narragansett Bay and adjacent waters, bunker—my preferred bait for bass and blues—are always at opposite quadrants of the area from each other. For this reason I feel I need one other piece of equipment in my 17' Whaler in order to properly introduce these species to each other: that is a live bait well. There is no room in the stern of the boat for such a well or tank, for that is where my rear seat runs across. Also, my six and twelve gallon fuel tanks and battery are located there. If I ripped out the seat I couldn't carry passengers, and I need them to help support my fishaholism. I limit myself to two passengers, but prefer one since then I can fish also.

The only location for the tank is just forward of the console where there is space originally built for passengers to put their feet while sitting in the center-facing side seats along both sides forward of console. I've built a wooden base or platform upon which I set an extra large plastic trash or G.I. can. The top of the can is secured to the console handrails with line. This is a very convenient location for dropping menhaden after jigging them and for recovering later.

However, the free surface effect of this large container of water bouncing around while running in a chop can provide an unexpected bath to the operator. The plastic cover tied to the handles by an elastic tie-down cord is not enough to stop this.

To counteract, I've constructed a second and inner cover of three-quarter inch plywood. This has practically eliminated my "Chief Rain-in-the-Face" image in these waters. About six inches down from the top of the barrel, I drilled holes in it and through curved sections of styrofoam. Through these holes I inserted round wooden sticks and put wooden wheels on either end of the sticks. Then I sealed holes, sticks, wheels and styrofoam with Sears Epoxy Putty, catalog #6KV-62882C. I swiped the sticks and wheels from one of my grandson's sets of Tinker Toys.

If you don't have such a ready source, you can probably use dowels and fashion something to cinch to the ends. The results are two shelves on opposite sides of the barrel for the inner cover to rest upon. Through the cover I've drilled half inch holes to allow some water to slop up through it when bouncing, so the water doesn't lift or throw the cover up on a good wave. In order to avoid lifting the heavy inner cover off when putting in or removing live bait, I've but an eight inch inner flap in it and hinged it, put a lift handle on it and stops under it to keep it from flapping down in the well. I've also put a latch on it for holding it closed on long runs—although I usually forget to latch it.

Putting my well forward means running a supply line up to it. The extra safety and positive buoyancy provided by the Whaler's double hull means so much to me that in no way would I violate or compromise it with through-hull fittings for this, or my depth finder. Any lines going over the side would be soon wiped away by fishing alongside bridge and pier pilings or coming alongside the dock or other boats. That only leaves the stern.

With all these tubes and wires, the boat has the look of a floating oil refinery with its maze of pipelines. To keep these menhaden fresh and sassy requires a continuous supply of oxygen rich saltwater and that means an electric pump to push the water against gravity up to the tank. I have been using the Rule 500 pumps. One usually lasts a season before its sealed unit shaft rusts out. Rule is no longer making that model, so I've stepped down to the Rule 400, which still seems to provide adequate supply. The next step up is a 750. To mount the pump, I had to add a platform below the mahogany board screwed to my stern. The 500 could be side-mount-

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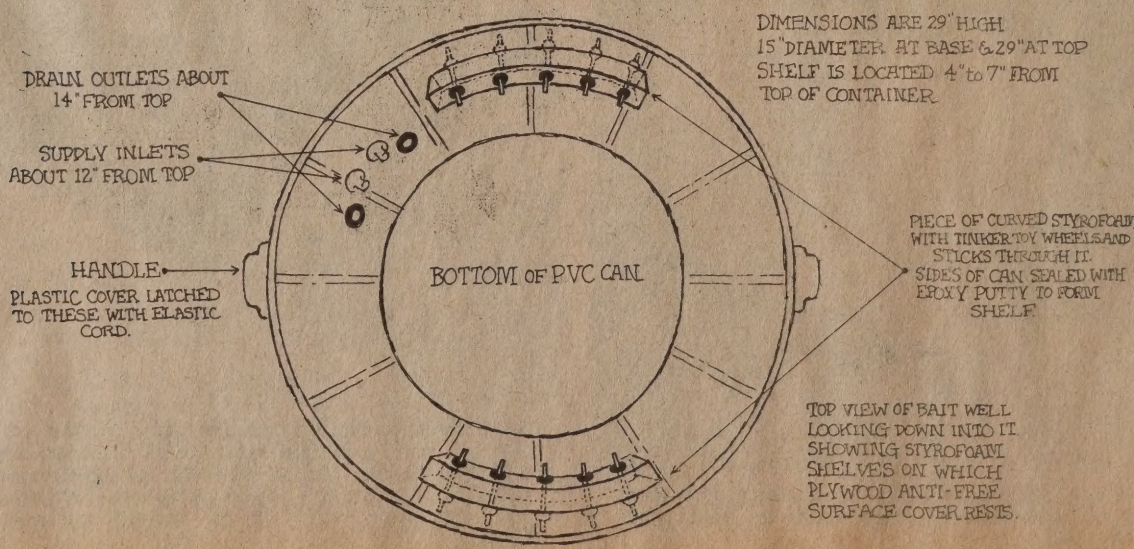
DIAGRAM OF PVC G.I. CAN MADE INTO BAIT WELL


DRAIN OUTLETS ABOUT 14" FROM TOP
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BOTTOM OF PVC CAN
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PIECE OF CURVED STYROFOAM WITH TINKERTOY WHEELS AND STICKS THROUGH IT. SIDES OF CAN SEALED WITH EPOXY PUTTY TO FORM SHELF
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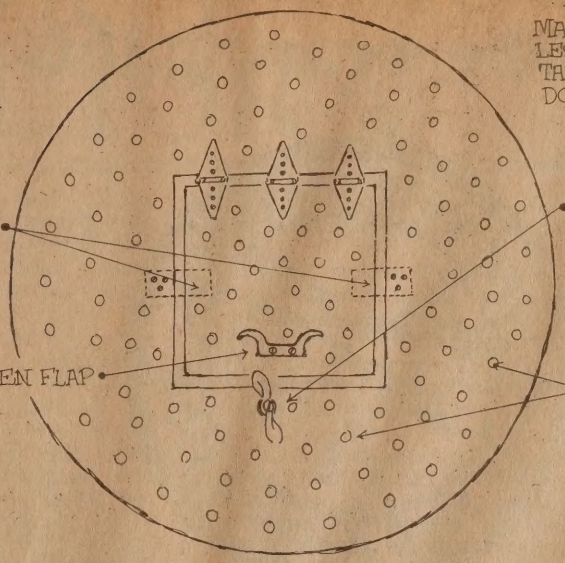
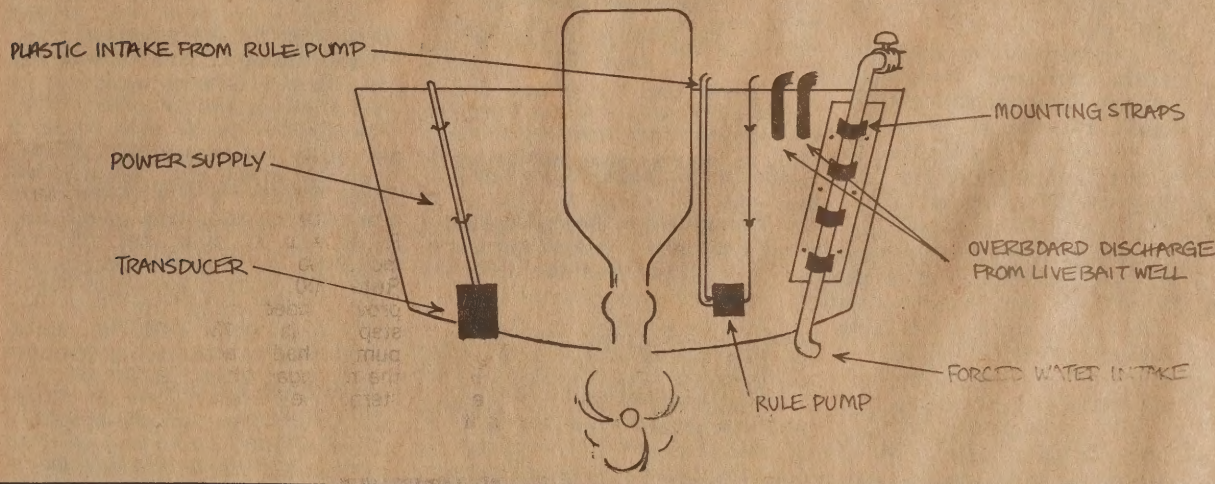
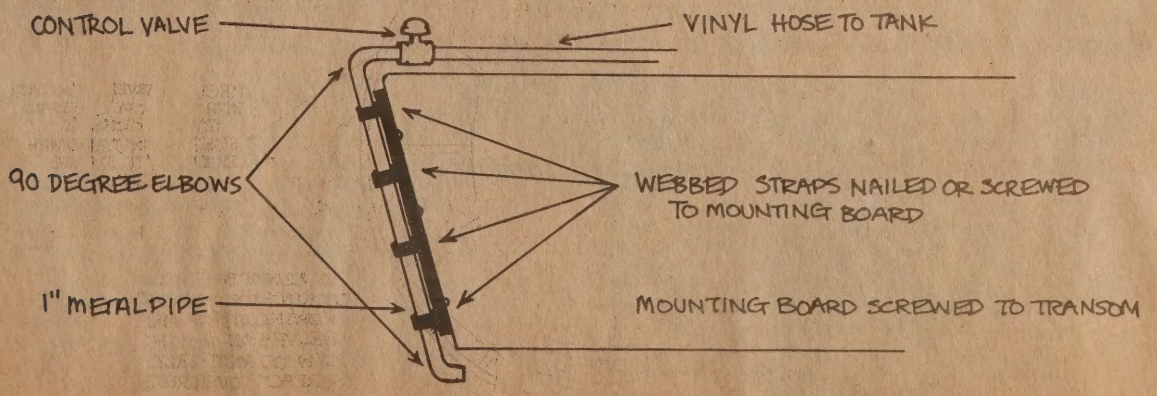

COVER MADE OF ½" to ¾" OUTSIDE PLY
MADE DIAMETER A COUPLE OF INCHES LESS THAN DIAMETER AT TOP OF TAPERED G.I. CAN SO IT CAN SLIP DOWN INSIDE OF CAN & REST ON SHELF
METAL OR WOODEN STOP SCREWED UNDER COVER TO KEEP FLAP FROM SWINGING DOWN INTO BAIT WELL
PIVOTING OR SWIVEL LATCH TO KEEP FLAP FROM FLYING UP UNDER WATER PRESSURE WHEN BOAT BOUNCES
LIFT HANDLE TO OPEN FLAP
½" HOLES TO ALLOW WATER TO SLOP ON THROUGH COVER. REDUCES FREE SURFACE EFFECT IN CONTAINER WHILE PREVENTING WATER FROM THROWING COVER UPWARD AS BOAT BOUNCES AND WATER SLOSHES BACK & FORTH

STERN VIEW SHOWING ARRANGEMENT OF PIPES, PUMPS TRANSDUCER



SIDE VIEW OF STERN MOUNTED FORCED WATER SUPPLY TO BAIT TANK


CONTROL VALVE
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TACKLE DOCTOR

Questions answered by
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I expect to do some tuna trolling and/or chumming this coming year and want to build my own rods and purchase new, larger reels. I have received lots of advice to use 50 lb. rods and 6/0 reels, but I want to get the most sport. Can I use a 4/0 reel and 30 lb. class rod? E. Pauli, Watchung.

Yes; 4/0 reels, loaded with 30 lb. line and used on the proper 30 lb. class rods will work well for tuna, especially if you are fishing in your own boat where you can decide how to play the fish. The heavier tackle is more advantageous when you may get two, three, or even four strikes at the same time. With the 30 lb. rigs you may lose a fish or two during a "blast" of strikes. Those that you can keep on the hook can be played out very well and with greatest sport on the 30 lb. tackle.

Any standard 30 lb. class blank can be used. Some offshore anglers are looking towards blanks like the Fisher 696XH which is a longer rod. Build it with no detachable butt section. Just install butt grip, reel seat and fore grip. There are many other blanks that any tackle dealer can show you that will nearly duplicate the action of the IGFA type blanks, yet are of sufficient length to be made as a one piece rod. They are lighter and if you select the blank with an eye to maximizing the sport of playing the fish, you can pick out a blank with a lighter tip section than a standard IGFA rod. By the way, IGFA only specifies a minimum length for the length of the tip or shaft of the rod; you can build a longer rod and still be in line with IGFA rules.

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Is there any way of getting the green saltwater corrosion build-up off of guides, reels, lures, etc. Most of my equipment is old and I hate to simply throw it out. Rudy Acs, Jr., So. Plainfield.

A piece of fine steel wool or a brass shotgun cleaning brush is excellent for removing the green build-up from saltwater corrosion. Use liberal amounts of CRC, WD-40 or similar anti-corrosive spray oil treatment and scrub vigorously with the steel or brush. Most all of it will come off easily. Rinse or wipe clean and then apply another coating of the oil to neutralize any remaining salt residue.

After the surface is clean, check for guides that may be pitted or rusted. These should be replaced. Reels with pitted spools or pitted line guides can be inexpensively repaired by simply replacing the bad parts.

It is best to use the spray oils after each fishing trip to clean the outside surfaces of the reel, to neutralize the salt deposits and to lubricate the moving parts like line guides, bail springs, level wind gears and handle knobs.

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My fishing line gets dull looking at the end near where I tie the lure, while the line way back on the spool looks shiny and new. Is the line drying out and is it weaker for some reason? Jack Beattie, Easton.

I assume you are using monofilament line, which does lose some of its chemical properties that keep the line limp, flexible and strong. New line will actually feel slippery in your fingers. When the line gets dried out, it becomes stiff, hard and loses strength.

It is best to cut back the line to the point where it again looks shiny, slippery and new. Many anglers try to get several years use out of their line which is false economy. They spend lots of dollars on rods and reels, but avoid changing line for only a few dollars. If it's dried out it should be changed.

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I purchased brand new line from a tackle shop, yet it breaks with my bare hands very easily. What do you suggest I do? Ken Stein, Phila.

Any line exposed to flourescent light or sunlight can deteriorate in strength—even if it's brand new. I suggest you return the line to the manufacturer for replacement. Most companies stand behind their products and actually welcome the chance to replace the line so you will have fresh new stock that will be up to full strength.

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I have many diagrams of fishing knots, but I cannot find how to tie the Turtle Knot. Can you give me directions? A. Hilla, Brielle.

There is no knot called a turtle knot, but there is a Turle Knot used by fly fishermen to attach flies to leaders. It is a weak knot; a better choice is the clinch or Palomar. Try looking at "Practical Fishing Knots" by Sosin and Kreh for directions for the Turle Knot.

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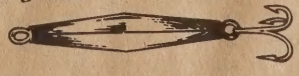
Can you recommend specific rods and reels for fishing with diamond jigs? My old slow retrieve reel just doesn't do it. Alfred DeRosa, Mountain Lakes, N.J.

Most party boat regulars like the high speed Penn, Daiwa, Newell and Ambassadeur reels of a 2/0 to 3/0 size. We have also had great fishing with smaller reels like the Shimano 400, Daiwa Millionaire, Shakespeare President and Pflueger Supreme. Usually 20-30 lb. test is more than adequate and if you are in a small boat you can go as light as 12 or 15 lb. test. Rods should be stiff with lots of power to lift fish off the bottom.

Spinning tackle can be used, but it is possible to twist the line after a day's fishing. The Daiwa 4000, Shimano GS 4, Penn SS 450, and similar reels are perfect. Again, 20 or 30 lb. test is best. Use a fine diameter line if you try 30 lb. on the spinning reels.



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Making Tubes

by Tim Coleman

This past summer we ran an article on a red tube spiced with a sand worm as a striper lure; the story appeared in the 9/14/78 issue. It was called "The Deadly Combo." Since then we've had letters from readers asking what is the best way to make up tubes for this type of fishing. This article is in answer to those letters.

Tubes used for this fishing vary from fourteen on up to some twenty-four inches long. As a general rule of thumb, the shorter tubes dressed with only a piece of sand worm bring more school fish than jumbos. The loner lure spiced with a whole sand worm is the ticket for a forty or even a fifty.

I think pure latex in red with a 7/16" diameter is the best material. It has thinner walls than heavier varieties of tubing such as the gum rubber type. Thinner means lighter, which means it is easier to move through the water in a more life-like manner. A lazy S configuration in the tube seems the best action for enticing bass. Tubes imitating dead tree limbs have taken bass—especially when spiced with a worm. Tubes like corkscrews have also worked on bass, but take many more blues. The corkscrew tube is good for blues without the addition of the worm. The lazy S pattern, like the one draped along the replica of a bluefish in the photo overlay just above, seems the shape and action the bass like best. The directions for rigging will include how to get the S shape in any tube you make.

First step is to cut a piece of tubing a desired length; a good starting point is one eighteen inches long. Tubing this length will more than likely have some type of natural curl to it. Most tubing is shipped to retailers wound on spools or in loose coils. Between the time the tubing is shipped and someone buys a desired length, it will more than likely take a set. The longer tubes probably contain at least one bend developed in storage. The gradual bend in the tubing gives it the nice action in the water.

After cutting the desired length, take a scissors and snip off a one inch piece at a 45° angle to the end. The inset in the photo shows the proper cutting pattern. This provides a slot for the hook to rest in.

Next, take a piece of fifty pound test stainless steel trolling wire about two inches longer than the tubing. On one end, tie a 7/0 stainless steel hook with a Haywire Twist. After that, take the other end of the wire and bend it lightly around the eye of a rigging needle. Insert the needle in the tubing from the tapered end. Run the needle the length of the tubing, then pull on the wire to bring the hook into place. The wire in the photo was longer than two inches to help in placing the needle next to the tubing with the wire still attached and with all components showing in the picture.

Unwrap the other end of the wire from the needle. At the point where the wire comes out of the tube, bend it off at a right angle. Take a black barrel swivel, run it down the wire to that bend. Next, push the tubing down the wire about one inch from the swivel. Hold the tubing in that position while you tie the swivel in place with another Haywire Twist. This point in the rigging is shown in photo four.

Last step is to push the wire up over the swivel. You want to cover one eye of the swivel and halfway over the barrel. The tube is now complete.

You probably have some questions on the above, but I didn't want to interrupt the rigging details. There are good reasons for using certain materials and rigging methods. Let's backtrack a bit and go through the steps, only this time from another perspective. You need the wire because of the blues. They inhabit a lot of places bass like. Fifty pound test is enough to hold up to a lot of hits, giving your lures "long life." Stainless wire holds up to the numerous hits much better than softer Monel wire.

Stainless steel hooks prevent rust. A lot of anglers store the tube by merely throwing it under the console or up into a cabin. Since the shank of the hook is hidden you won't know the hook is weakened. A hook first used in July might be so weakened by rust, it will break under pressure from a big fish in the fall.

The 7/0 size has enough bite and muscle to handle fish in the forties or blues in the teens (with moderate drag), yet still is small enough to be effectively hidden by the addition of a sand worm. If you'll look back on the "deadly Combo" article, you'll see one benefit of this lure is use in the daytime—even under bright sun and flat water conditions. During those times, fish will get a very clear look at anything going past their noses; anything shiny might be cause for a pause. On that same line of thought, I'd recommend getting a dull finish on the stainless hooks. Eagle Claw makes a good one; I believe the model number is 254ss.

The same line of reasoning is behind the use of a black barrel swivel. The black won't show up near as much as one of chrome or brass. The size you want for rigging up 7/16" diameter tubing (the most popular size) is a 5/0 size swivel. This size ensures a snug fit when the tubing is slipped over the swivel.

The next to the last step in the rigging was to push the tubing down about one inch, then tie on the swivel. Why? Once the tubing is pushed back up over the swivel, there's more tubing than wire. In other words, the tubing is longer than the wire. The natural movement of the tubing would be to straighten out, but this isn't possible. The snug fit of the swivel holds it in place up front and the hook holds it in place in back. Since it can't straighten out, the tubing assumes a curl—that's the lazy S shape.

To make sure your tubes keeps the nice fish-catching shape, curl them up and store them when not in use in a pound coffee can. This is not recommended for shorter tubes, because they will take on the corkscrew shape. For them, tie a loose overhand knot in the back of the tube. Don't tie the whole tube this way or, again, it will take on a wild corkscrew bend and catch more blues than bass.

The longer tubes will not take a corkscrew shape because the weight of the hook and the extra length of the tube cause it to open up in the same manner as if you had held an accordian by one handle and let the other end drop. Also remember you will have the added weight of a sand worm on the hook plus the drag of the water on the tube as it's trolled. Not only will the longer tubes provide the better action, but they will also catch bigger bass.

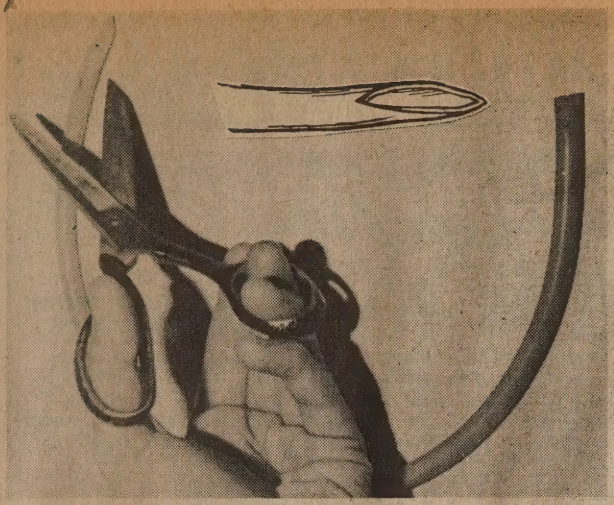
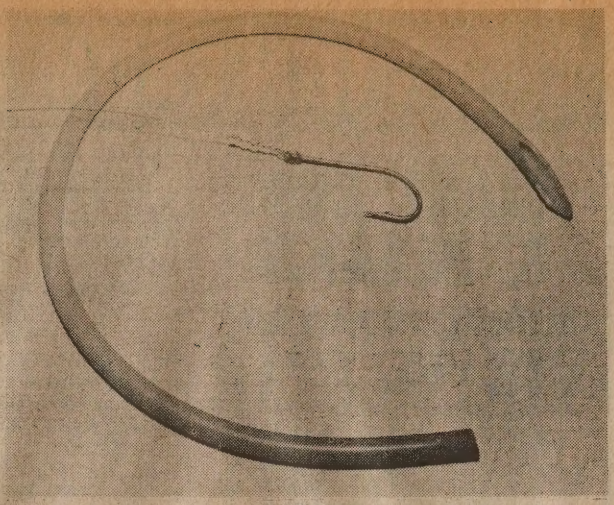


Photo #1: After cutting the tubing to desired length, cut off a 1'' piece from one end at a 45° angle, as shown in the inset drawing.



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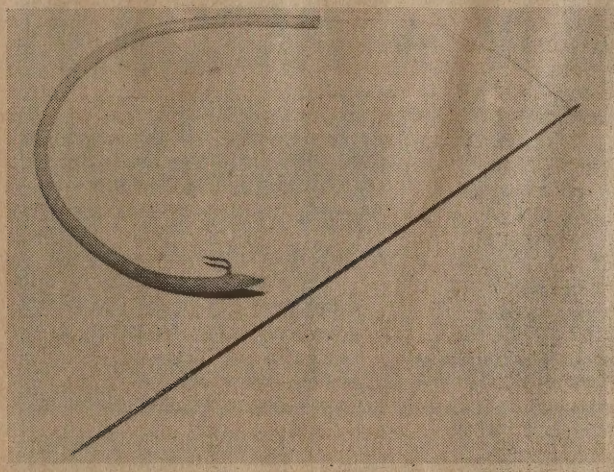

Photo #3: Wrap the other end of wire around a rigging needle. Run it through the tube and pull hook into place.

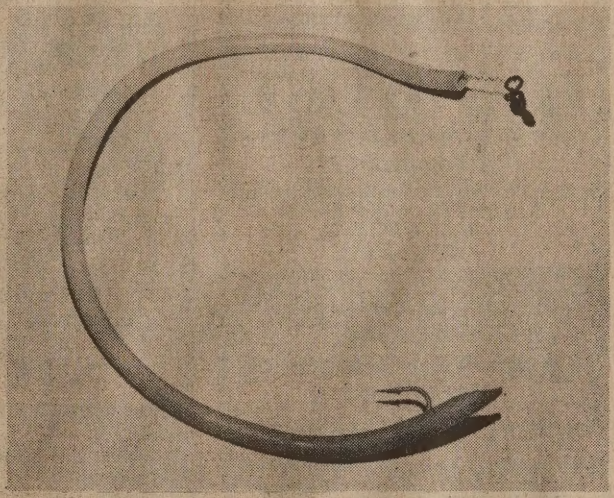

Photo #4: Push the tubing down the wire and tie on a black barrel swivel with a Haywire Twist.

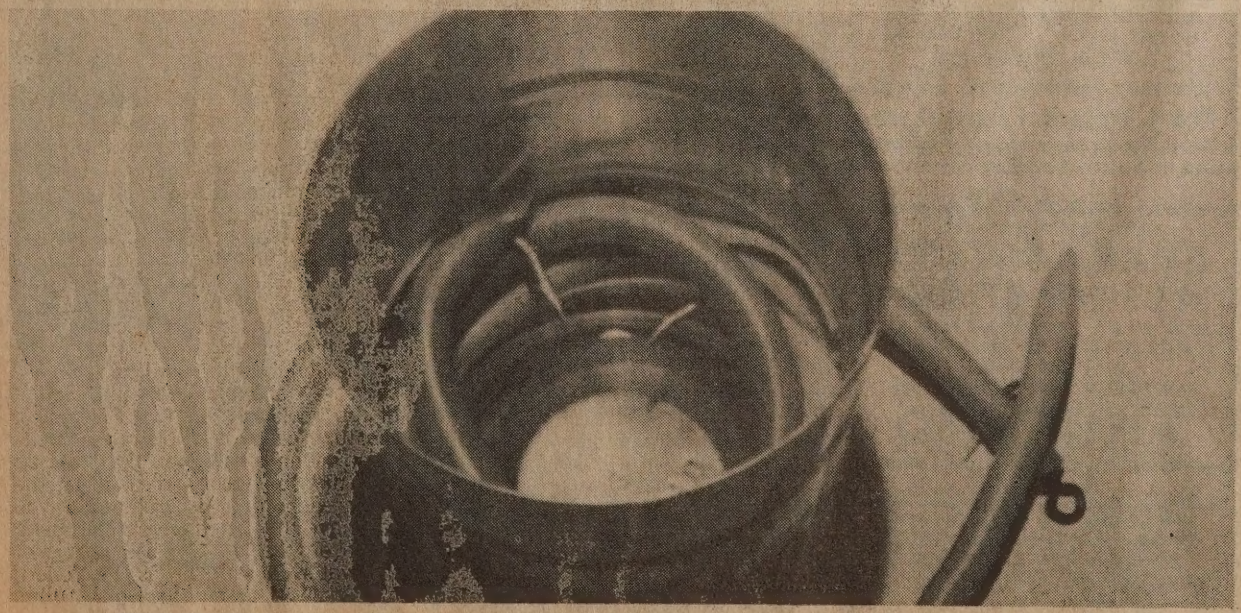

Photo #5: Tubes over 11'' can be stored in a one pound coffee can. This is not recommended for shorter tubes. See story for the reason why.

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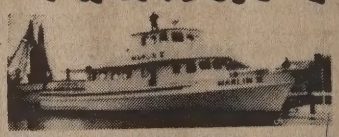

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The Viking Starship reports that Monday through Friday plus Sunday, catches of cod to the tune of 6-10 fish per man was had by fares at the Block Island grounds. These fish ran 5-10 lbs. Pool fish ran a consistent 30 plus lbs. Bunny reports there were some pollack and blackfish mixed in in the medium size category. She also asked us to advise you that the Viking Starship sailing the twice weekly trips from Key West Florida to the Dry Tortugas continues to bail big fish.

CAPTREE

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** tells us that Monday's trip for 5 fares resulted in 16 cod being caught. Tuesday's trip for 12 fares resulted in 7 good cod coming over the rail. Sizes were mixed but these were mostly larger fish. The combination of strong winds and severe cold put the catches way down this past week, but did not stop a continued small but definite showing of haddock catches, fish to 3 lbs.

FREEPORT

Capt. Chis Specht of the **Starstream II** reported a tough week's fishing due to the severe temp and winds. Even so, 6 cod were managed on Sunday and Tuesday 15 good cod bounced on deck. Fish ranging up to 35 lbs. Wednesay's catch was improved with a total of 17 cod running to 30 lbs. If you can take the wind and cold of this past week, there are fish to be caught. With some warming weather the cod fishing should be strong once again.

Capt. Bill Lindroth of the **Capt. Al** tells us that he returned from Florida last week where he fished aboard the **Viking Starship** out of Key West and Bill says he had a fabulous trip catching loads of mutton snapper, black grouper, yellowtail, scamp grouper, and red snapper. Bill had the **Capt. Al** out on Sunday and totaled 6 cod. Wednesday's catch was 8 cod and Monday the body count was 12 cod in the 8 to 15 lb. category. Bill also says that the cold and the wind diminished the size of the catch considerably this past week but things should pick up again with moderating temps.

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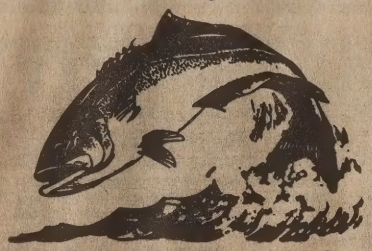
Joe at **Stella Maris Tackle** reports that on Tuesday the boats loaded up on mackerel at Ambrose and then the fish disappeared the following day. From then on it was strictly whiting catches and very good catches at that, also at Ambrose. One boat fishing cod on Sunday totaled 5 fish. Joe says the best bet now is whiting with most people loading up. A few ling are mixed in.



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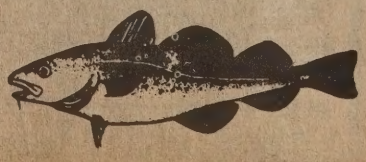

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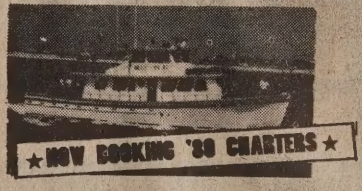

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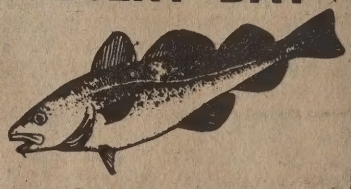

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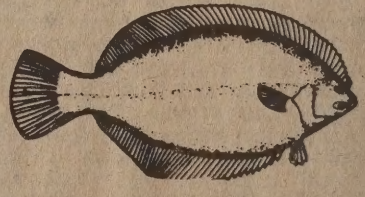

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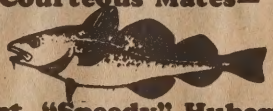

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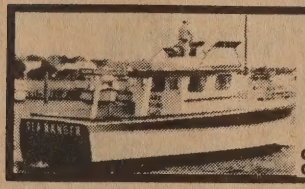

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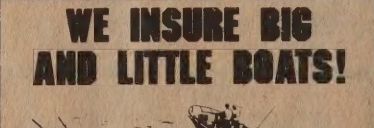

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ed directly to the board. The 400 is a base mounted model only. You should mount it as far below the water line as possible without getting it in harm's way of debris coming under the boat. This will keep it pumping by keeping it submerged even in a swell.

The electrical connections to the twelve volt battery are simple. I've put an off/on switch in the circuit on my console. The diameter of the pump outlet seems best accommodated to a three-quarter inch inside diameter hose. I use three-quarter inch PVC tubing at about eighty-five cents a foot from most marine supply houses. Fortunately, I can run my tubing over the transom and under my gunwale through the side compartments and out the front end of this compartment and under the console to the plastic through-hull fitting into my tank. I use auto hose clamps and epoxy putty to get a tight seal on both pump and tank connections.

Now a drain is needed. Logically, it should be an inch or two below the supply. This I run back through the side compartment and over the stern. Unfortunately, on my boat and several others I know of, the pump does not have the ability to provide a supply of water against the suction created when running above one-third speed. Either that, or the stern comes too far out of the water. Either way, it is necessary to keep a good supply of water coming to the tank on long runs or you end up with dead bait. To solve this, I've mounted a metal pipe (it could be plastic) on my stern with right angle elbows at either end. Using old life jacket straps, I screw or nail the pipe to a mahogany board I've screwed into the stern. The forward pointing lower end acts as a scoop forcing water at running speeds up the tubing to the tank. So I switch off my pump whenever I go over one-third speed and cut it on again whenever I stop or troll.

I have a hand valve in the forced water supply line to cut it off when I'm not live bait fishing. The addition of this supply forced me to add another drain line for it forces water in at such a rate that one drain won't handle the discharge. Hindsight now tells me my forced supply line should have been smaller or my drain line larger in capacity. Then I'd have one less pipeline.

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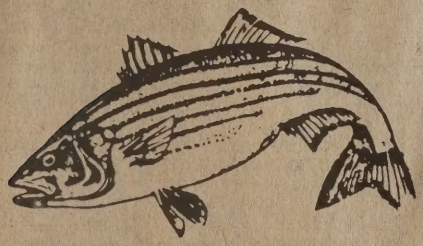

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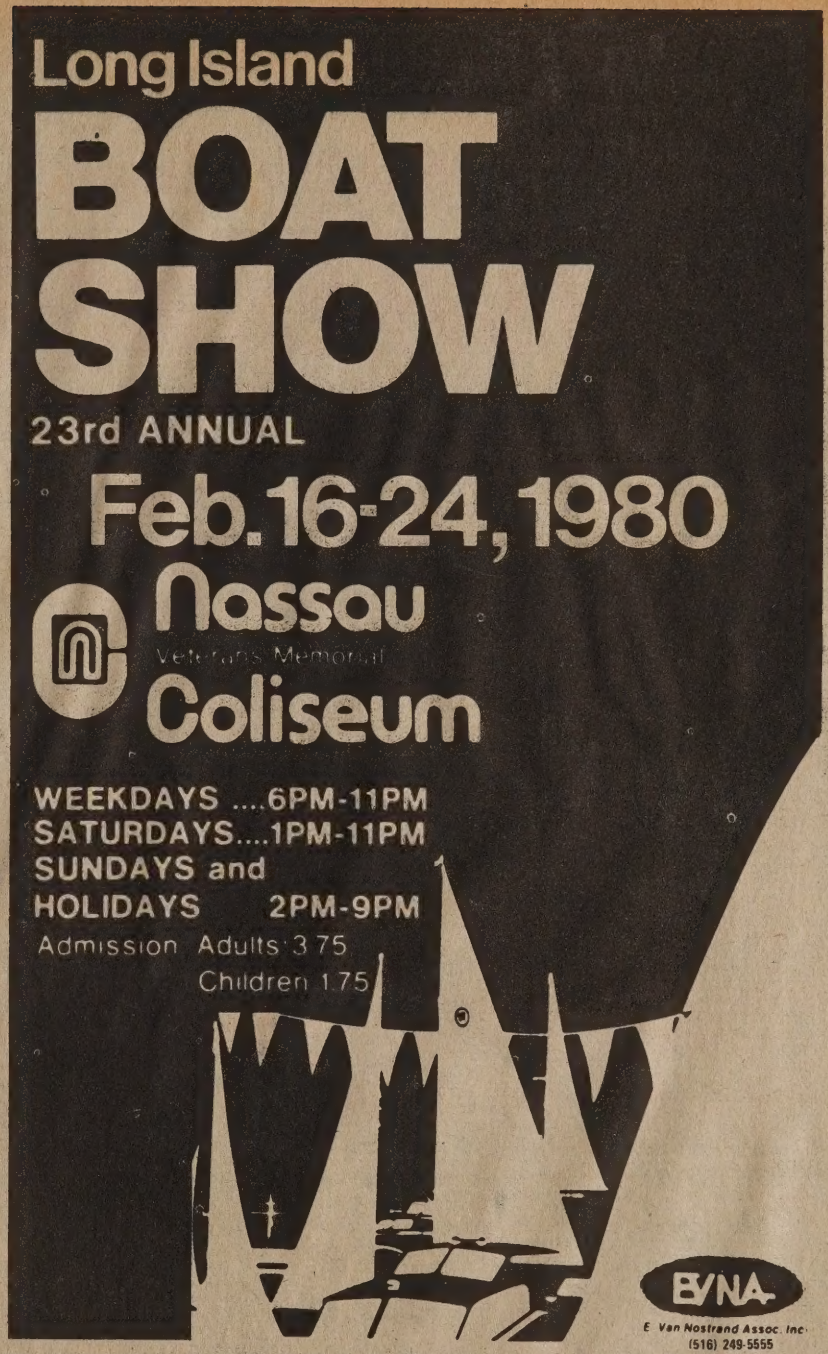

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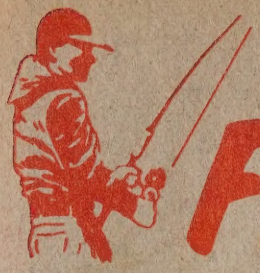

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